

REMARKS

Claim 17 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 23, and 24 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-15, 18-19, and 21-28 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 10-13, 15-17, and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bernardo in view of Kelly.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claim 1, Bernardo describes a website generation tool that prompts a user to select features and options for the website. Bernardo teaches identifying a template to use and prompting the user for data to complete the template fields (column 7, lines 18-36). Kelly describes binding a user seeking unauthorized access to a target system to a false interface.

Neither Bernardo nor Kelly describes *generating* fictitious content. In addition, neither Bernardo nor Kelly teaches “wherein for at least one selected template, selecting the at least one data item is based at least in part on the relative probability of occurrence of the at least one data item to make the deception environment more realistic by ensuring that data items occur with the frequency one would expect in a real, non-deception computing environment associated with network,” as recited in claim 1. As such, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-15, 18-19, 21-22, and 25-28 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

In addition, with respect to claims 12-14, neither Bernardo nor Kelly describes “intentionally” introducing a spelling error “to make the deception environment appear more realistic by ensuring that at least some of the generated file system content is not entirely free of spelling errors,” as recited in claims 12-14. With respect to claim 15, neither Bernardo nor Kelly describes “intentionally” introducing a grammatical error “to make the deception environment appear more realistic by ensuring that at least some of the generated file system content is not entirely free of grammatical errors,” as recited in claim 15. As such, claims 12-15 are believed to be allowable for the additional reasons stated.

Like claim 1, claims 23 and 24 recite "wherein for at least one selected template, selecting the at least one data item is based at least in part on the relative probability of occurrence of the at least one data item to make the deception environment more realistic by ensuring that data items occur with the frequency one would expect in a real, non-deception computing environment associated with network." As such, claims 23 and 24 are believed to be allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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